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SOUTHERN CIVIL SERVICE.

Thanksgiving Duly Observed by the Happy and Prosperous People of the Gate city

Educated Young Afro-Americans Lead in the List of Winners—Atlanta University a Power—Workers in the Kindergarten—A Glance at the Social World—News Notes.

Atlanta, Ga., Special;—A few weeks ago there was a civil service examination held for mail carriers and clerks in the Atlanta Post Office. There were some one hundred and twenty five applicants and of this number the Afro-Americans contributed twenty-six. The roster shows that there were fourteen who passed, twelve colored and two white. The percentage of the colored applicants appears to be something over forty-six per cent while on the other hand the percentage of the whites who failed was something over ninety-eight per cent. What does this show?

Ninetenths of the colored who passed were former students of the Atlanta University whose students are holding their own all over this broad land of ours. Prof. Scarborough of Wilberforce, Wright of College, Ga., C. W. Juskie of Texas, H. O. Flipper, Miss Lucy Laney of Augusta, Ga., Mrs. Della Hunt Logan at Tuskegee Hon. H. A. Rucker, L. M. Hershaw, T. A. Johnson, Thomas M. Dent "Judge" T. H. Malone, Mrs. M. B. Hayling, are a few of the many bright minds sent out from the Atlanta University.

Mrs. Fulton, et al may rant as much as they please the Negro will be educated.

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed here last Tuesday. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen delivered two very brilliant lectures on that day at the First Congregational Church at 11 o'clock, A. M. and at the Fort Street M. E. Church, at 8 o'clock P. M. Hon. H. A. Rucker was master of ceremonies at the Fort Street Church. Dr. M. C. B. Mason gave a happy, little speech.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tale entertained a few friends at their home. Miss Case of the Atlanta University was among those who were present. The Misses Harrison received from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of their friend, Miss Estelle Taylor of Rome.

Mrs. S. W. Easley, Jr., entertained a dozen ladies at her home to a 6 o'clock dinner. Among those present were Misses Flipper and Miller of the Storrs School, Miss Ella Davis of the Roach Street City School, Mrs. J. K. Arter, J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. Porter, B. M. S. and Mrs. J. A. Ritchie.

MEN OF THE HOUR.



MR. L. MELENDEZ KING,
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Mrs. Easley is quite a charming hostess.

Mr. Alexander Hamilton is renovating his beautiful residence on Hilliard Street. He is having two additional rooms added. Mrs. Hamilton is one of Atlanta's social queens.

The ladies of the Kindergarten Association served a Thanksgiving dinner, at the school for the benefit of the school and children. Mr. C. C. Wimbish, the present, Mrs. C. C. Beasley, Mrs. Wm. Wilkins, Mrs. E. B. Gibson, and Mrs. Jones were the waiters and right well did they perform their duty. Mrs. Wimbish has put her whole life into this cause for the young tots and waifs of the race. May the Lord bless her efforts and those of her associates.

Rev. Dr. Proctor, Prof. DuBois, Hope, Towns, Bowman, Grogman, Henderson, Jordan, Hon. H. A. Rucker, Hon. O. C. Wimbish, L. L. Lee, Dr. J. W. Madison, Maj. S. W. Easley, Jr., Alex. Hamilton, Sr. held a meeting last week and prepared a strong memorial to the Georgia legislature protesting against

the amendment to the constitution of the state proposing to separate the taxes paid by the two races for educational purposes. It is a strong paper and will have the effects as these men are the brains of the race in Georgia and they do not mind words. These gentlemen have a bombshell that will explode some day and great will be the devastation from the effect thereof.

The citizens had a meeting here last week to propose that the Young People's Christian Congress be held here next August. Prof. W. B. Mathews was elected President. Rev. Dr. J. S. Flipper, Vice-President, Prof. Jno. Hope, Secretary, Maj. S. W. Easley, Jr., Assistant-Secretary, Hon. H. A. Rucker Treasurer.

Prof. Booker T. Washington spent 1st Tuesday in the city. While here he called on President Roosevelt and a number of prominent people.

A BAILLIANT BARRISTER.

L. Melendez King, a Pains-taking Young Lawyer an Honor to his Profession.

With Only a Practice of Two Years he Wins a Number of Important Suits and Has an Unbroken Record of Victories—His Early Career

In this utilitarian age when competition is close, when young men of character, education and attainments are plenty, when all of the professions seem with strong and successful characters, to succeed and outstrip one's compeers is a consummation devoutly wished. Since the dawn of freedom the race has advanced rapidly along all avenues of progress and has attained a high standing in all of the professions. No profession however is so fraught with difficulties than that of the law. More than one disciple of Blackstone has hung out his shingle to await the course of events that did not eventuate. Colored lawyers are not as successful as they should be for many reasons. They have the prejudice of their own and the opposite race to overcome. They are without the advantages of experience their clients are composed largely of the poorer class and as they have little if any capital to begin with, their progress is slow and in the majority of cases, failure is inevitable. The success of Mr. L. Melendez King, the subject of this sketch is most remarkable. He began the practice of law in the District of Columbia a little more than two years ago without money, with few acquaintances, but with a determination to succeed. While a poor young man in worldly possessions he is rich in the legacy of wonderful energy, a logical mind and a determination to persevere and to succeed.

L. Melendez King was born in the County of Amherst, State of Virginia early in the seventies. He went through the public schools of that place and afterwards entered the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute at Petersburg, Va. where he pursued his studies as far as the sophomore class. He then left this school and attended the Virginia Seminary at Lynchburg, Va. from which school he graduated in 1892 after which he held a professorship in the last named school for a short period, but soon resigned to study his chosen profession. In carrying out this purpose, he entered the law department of the University of Michi-

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